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SUBJECT: SALARY FOR CAL REPRESENTATIVE JEAN MCCONOCHIE

REF: MCCONOCHIE/HOOD ROBERTS MAY 6 LETTER (DELIVERED TO
RICHMOND BY ACAO POLTKIN)

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM A STATEMENT WRITTEN MARCH 30 IN WARSAW BY WILLIAM S. CARROLL, CAL REPRESENTATIVE IN POLAND DURING DR. MCCONOCHIE'S 1975-76 CONTRACT WITH CAL, AND COUNTERSIGNED BY U.S. EMBASSY DISBURSING OFFICER ALFRED PEL-LAND, SENIOR ACCOUNTANT MARIA JUSZCZAKIEWICZ IN B&F WARSAW, ACAO GLORIA KREISHER AND DR. MCONOCHIE. QUOTE THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED IN WARSAW, POLAND, THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF CAL GRANT NO. SCC41475 AMENDMENT 6, DATED JUNE 24, 1974, AND HAVE FOUND THAT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1974 AND ENDING JUNE 15, 1975, DR. JEAN MCCONOCHIE RECEIVED ZL. 76,000 IN SALARY PAYMENTS. OF THIS AMOUNT, SHE REFUNDED ZL. 15,000 AFTER HAVING BEEN TOLD BY THE CAL REPRESENTATIVE (CARROLL) THAT SHE HAD OVERDRAWN HER ZLOTY SALARY. THUS, SHE ACTUALLY WITHDREW ONLY ZL. 610,000 WITH A TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE OF 3,062.24. SINCE THE ZLOTY PORTION OF HER SALARY FOR THIS PERIOD COMES TO A DOLLAR VALUE OF 4,856.22, SHE HAS BEEN UNDERPAID BY DOLLARS 1,793.98 (MINUS AN OVERPAYMENT DOLLARS 501.04 IN JUNE, 1975).. THUS THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS 1,292.95 IS STILL DUE DR. MCCONOCHIE.
END QUOTE.

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2. THIS STATEMENT WAS TAKEN TO WASHINGTON BY DR. CARROLL AFTER HIS VISIT TO WARSAW IN MARCH, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT FROM DR. MCCONOCHIE AFFIRMING THAT SHE WANTED A CHECK FOR THE \$1292.95 DEPOSITED TO HER ACCOUNT. DR. MCCONOCHIE STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED THIS MONEY. DR. ROBERTS STATED, IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PENNY PICKETT AND WARSAW ETO KREISHER, THAT HE WOULD ARRANGE FOR DR. MCCONOCHIE TO BE PAID THE FULL AMOUNT. DR. ROBERTS HAS NOW PROPOSED, IN YET ANOTHER TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, THE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS SUMMARIZED AND DISCUSSED IN DR. MCCONCHIE'S MAY 6 LETTER.

3. WE SHARE DR. MCCONOCHIE'S CONCERN THAT CAL DOES NOT NOW SEE FIT TO PAY HER THE AGREED SUM AND BELIEVE THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE CONCLUDED AS DR. MCCONOCHIE REQUESTED IN HER MAY 6 LETTER: QUOTE: I THINK THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF MY CONTRACT (JUNE 30, 1976) BY SENDING A CHECK FOR THE FULL AMOUNT TO MY BANK. END QUOTE.

4. DR. MCCONOCHIE HAS PERFORMED IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER THROUGHOUT HER STAY IN POLAND. IT IS PRINCIPALLY DUE TO HER EFFORTS THAT THIS PROJECT IS MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION ON SCHEDULE. WE ARE FORWARDING, BY POUCH, A COPY OF DR. CARROLL'S MARCH 30 STATEMENT.
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